the claims put forward by the Hon'ble Member, regarding the payment of pension to the subordinates. Till the Tramway is able to meet both ends satisfactorily, the request cannot be seriously considered.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—Is there any assurance that the contractor will supply sufficient quantity of timber ? Has he given any surety ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—There are several guarantees in the matter of this agreement. First of all, as a preliminary, he has to deposit a certain amount. When the amount falls short of the security, he has to make good the same also. Sufficient guarantees will be taken.

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—I do not press the motion.

The motion was withdrawn with leave of the House.

Motion No. 3.

As the following motion was not moved, it was considered withdrawn.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—*To reduce the allotment of Rs. 16,800 for X—Tramway by Re. 1.*

Question put: *that the demand may be passed.*

Motion carried.

10. X—Tramway—Rs. 2,600.

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—I beg to move, Sir, for an additional allotment of Rs. 2,600 under X—Tramway. Out of the amount of Rs. 2,600 a sum of Rs. 225 is necessary under A. T. (2)—pay of the Tramway office establishment. The increase is due to the increase of pay sanctioned to the staff as a result of the recent revision.

Rs. 500 under A. 3 T. A. This additional allotment was necessitated for the following reasons. (a) The daily batta of 4 as. originally given to peons was in the course of the year raised to 6 as. (b) the T. A. of the members of the Tramway staff taken for Census work had to be met. (c) Journeys had to be made to the T. E'.s survey camp in the special tract by peons for taking office papers to him. Peons who accompanied the Engineer to the camp had also to be paid. Thus the journeys in the special tract were very much increased. The T. A. in the special tracts is double the ordinary rate.

Rs. 700 under B. 1 (1). Permanent but non-pensionable staff of the Tramway Department.

The increase is due to the revision of pay of the establishment. The clerk at Kavalai was also granted 50 per cent of his pay as hill allowance.

Rs. 220 under D. 1. The increasse is due to the revised scale of pay granted to the staff specially to the traffic clerk,...

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Rs. 345 under E. 1. a. 1 and 2. Pay of the Depot Store keeper and clerk. The increase is due to the increased scale of pay granted in the revision.

Rs. 900 c. 11. Carriage and waggons. A provision of Rs. 4,000 was made under this item. As the trucks become old, the maintenance charges go on increasing. It is found that Rs. 900 more is absolutely necessary for the item. I, therefore request the amount of Rs. 2,600 may be granted by the Council.

Motion No. 1.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—*To reduce the allotment of Rs. 2,600 for X—Tramway by Re. 1.*

Mr. A. B. Salem.—Sir, I have tabled this motion to bring to the attention of the Government the necessity for scraping those old trucks rather than repairing them. If they are bad, we don't want to throw good money after bad money. It is to bring that to the attention of the Government that this has been tabled and also to know whether any application for compensation for loss of bread winners have been pending in the Department, and if so anything has been done by the Government for these poor people. I know of a case in which a man who was in the Tramway Department lost his life and his widow and little children were left helpless and nothing has been done for them. If there are such cases coming before the Government, whether the Government is prepared to do anything for those people. It is for that purpose that I have tabled this motion.

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—I understand that the Tramway Engineer is inquiring into these cases and sub-mitting reports, and in certain cases, I understand that already some allowance has been granted to deserving persons.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—I don't press the motion.

The motion was withdrawn with leave of the House.

Question put: *that the demand may be passed.*

Motion carried.

II. XI.—Registration—Rs. 100.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Sir, I rise to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 100 under XI-Registration. The sanctioned budget allotment for the current year under XI-Registration—T. A. is Rs. 4,500. Out of this a sum of Rs. 3,048-10-0 has been spent up to the end of Makaram 1106. The balance available is only Rs. 1,451-6-0. The expenditure during the last six months of 1104 was Rs. 1,575-0-0. Based on this an additional grant of Rs. 100 is required for the last six months of the current year. I request that it may kindly be passed by the House.

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